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## Brother Gets O.K. To Visit Bishop Walsh In Red China

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Hong Kong, July 20 (AP) — Red China has granted two Americans permission to visit relatives serving long-term sentences in Communist prisons on espionage charges.

William C. Walsh, of Cumberland, will be allowed to see his brother, Bishop James E. Walsh, a Catholic missionary arrested at his mission in Shanghai in 1958.

Mrs. Mary V. Downey, of New Britain, Conn., will visit her son, John T. Downey, a former civilian employee of the United States Army, held since 1932.

Announcing this today, the United States consulate said it is the first time the Chinese Communists have allowed a relative to see the Catholic Bishop. Mrs. Downey was permitted to visit her son in a Peiping prison in 1958.

### Will Leave Sunday

The Bishop's brother, a 70-year-old former judge and attorney general of Maryland, said in Cumberland arrangements for the two-week visit beginning August 1 were made through the Chinese and American Red Cross. He will leave Sunday for Hong Kong.

Mrs. Downey was not immediately available but a close relative said she may leave some time in August.

The State Department said it issued passports valid for travel to Communist China to Walsh last week and to Mrs. Downey a few months ago.

Bishop Walsh, 69, a native

Cumberland, is a former father general of the Maryknoll order of priests at Ossining, N.Y. He went to China first in 1918. He returned to China in 1948 as a Bishop.

Placed under house arrest in 1951, he later refused registration. "My work is here in Shanghai," he told a newsmen. "My post is here."

### Others Sentenced

He was sentenced to 20 years in prison last March by a Shanghai people's court on a charge of espionage and conspiring to overthrow the Communist Government.

Mr. Downey was on a plane the Red Chinese said was shot down over Manchuria. He got a life sentence November 22, 1954, on a spy charge.